1. Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of all that is good, for in your mercy you give us work that we may be co-creators with you.

1. With hands to fashion and form, minds to imagine what has yet to be, hearts to care for what we have made, and a spirit to impart to our own creations, we rejoice in the labor you give us.

1. By imitating you, our God and maker, we continue to shape the world, to name it and claim it, and be good stewards of your good gifts through the life-giving Spirit that renews the earth.

2. Keep us mindful of the power you share with us that we may create only that which leads to peace. May the work of our hands and our visions and dreams collaborate with your good will, which continues to build for us your kingdom on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
VATICAN II
1962 - 1965
Man must work, both because the Creator has commanded it and because of his own humanity, which requires work in order to be maintained and developed. Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history.
DILBERT
ANOTHER DAY IN CUBICLE PARADISE
A DILBERT BOOK BY SCOTT ADAMS
Job satisfaction

Only 45 percent of American workers were satisfied with their jobs in 2009, down from 61.1 percent in 1987.

Job satisfaction

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NOTE: Initially reports were not conducted yearly.

SOURCE: Conference Board  AP
Making a living...
Making a life
The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.

-Frederick Buechner
Fr. Michael Himes - Homily at Fenway Pary
What gives me joy?

What does the world need?

What am I good at?
Discernment...

-rooted in the understanding that God is ever at work in our lives – inviting, directing, guiding, and drawing us into the fullness of life

-reflection on the ordinary events of our lives

-affective responses – joy, sorrow, peace, anxiety, all the undefinable ‘somethings’ that arise and stir in us

-’pondering’ and ‘mulling over’ choices
Scripture and everyday life
Spiritual Direction

“Accompagnement”
Retreats
Ignatian Examen
“Ingratitude is an abominable sin...for it is the forgetting of the graces, benefits, and blessings received.”
Light
Feelings
Attentiveness
Gratitude
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• Light
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Do I believe that God is at work in my world?